

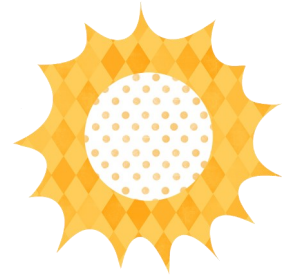


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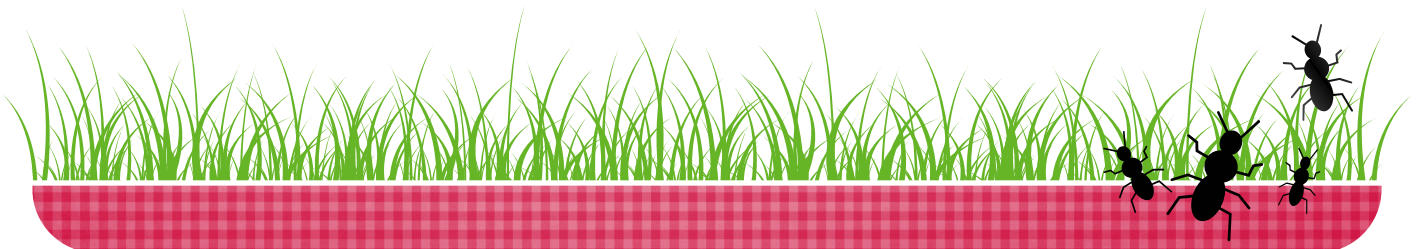
Another busy week has flashed by and while it's hard to believe, we have actually seen and felt the sun for a few days on end! We hope you have been enjoying some time in the sunshine.

As usual, we have had a very busy week

On Tuesday, Te Kāhui o Ngā Mātā Raukura had a field trip to the rocky shore at Kawaroa. As well as a brilliant day weather wise, everyone had a fantastic time searching for and finding a varied range of plants and sea creatures which inhabit the area. A huge mihi to Mr Kevin Archer, Education Officer for the Taranaki District Council. As ever, he was very well prepared, hugely knowledgeable and very enthusiastic about working with our Waitara East community. Everyone loved their day with him, really enjoying the opportunity to learn outside the normal classroom environment. The staff and students of Te Kāhui o Ngā Mātā Raukura would also like to thank all the whānau who were able to support and enjoy the day with their tamariki and kaiako.

Yesterday our Whakataetae rōpu was privileged to perform a pōwhiri for the participants in Americana. From what we hear, as usual our tamariki performed spectacularly and began the participants' time here in Taranaki, in a very warm and welcoming way. Thank you to staff and tamariki for setting the scene for what will no doubt be a fantastic weekend for them. Some of us thoroughly enjoyed watching the drive-by of some stunning vehicles down by Waitara Building supplies, as they headed out to their next stop in Inglewood.

The Building Improvement on Block A will start on Monday 27 February. A large container was moved onto our property last Friday, which is for all the office gear/records, which are normally stored in there – Margaret and Paula will be relocating into what we know as the lunch-ordering room during the renovations. Could you please remind all your tamariki, that for safety reasons, they need to stay away from and off this container out of school hours please.



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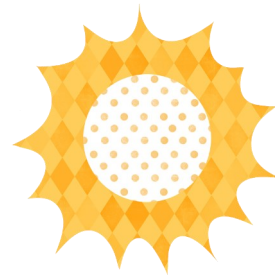
The weather has improved so much and we have been enjoying the opportunity to swim at school without freezing. This is especially true for the senior students who have to "break the ice" first thing in the mornings. Please remind your tamariki to bring their togs and towel every day to be able to take advantage of the swimming and safety lessons planned for them. Also with this hot weather, could you please ensure your tamariki bring a sunhat to school.

A reminder that our community BBQ is taking place at Marine Park, 5 – 7 p.m. tonight. This is for all staff, tamariki,

whānau and extended whānau. There will be a sausage sizzle and hamburgers and no doubt lots of opportunity for some shared games and catch ups with people from across our wider community. The Waitara Central School team have organised the kai this time, but you may spot some Waitara East staff manning the bbqs, cooking up a storm. *Don't burn the sausages Matua Luke!!* It's looking like it will be fantastic weather, so please come down and join in the fun. We are looking forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Nga mihi nui,
Shelley Cook



Senior team leader

